

CLASSIFIED

HOUSE FOR RENT
On Smith Avenue. See C. B. Cox Grocery and Market, 10-24 Highway, 31p Dec. 10-24

WANTED TO BUY
Small used adding machine in good condition. Electric with 7 columns preferred. P. A. Faris, 31p Dec. 3-17

CLASSIFIED RATES
A classified ad in The Elba Clipper will reach 3500 people in this community at a cost of 3 cents a word for the first insertion and two cents per word for each subsequent insertion. Minimum ad, 50c—all ads payable in advance.

WORMS FOR SALE
Extra fat, juicy Eng. ish worms C. B. and Roy E. McDowell, in West Elba, 11

PAINT CANS FOR SALE
Five gallon paint cans for sale, 25c each, as long as they last. Have many used around the home. Can be used for garbage water, etc. Dorsey Bros. Chevrolet, 11

FOR RENT
Two apartments of one bedroom each, living room, dining room, kitchen, bath, private entrance. Call Mrs. Price Ringo, 11c

LOST
One Caterpillar tractor from Coffee County, 11p

FOR SALE
65 acres land on north side of Elba-New Brockton highway about 2-1/4 miles from Elba. Call or write Mrs. Mary Martha Elliott, Lufkin, Ala. 4-1p Dec. 3-10-17-24-31

FOR SALE
1950 Ford Tractor and equipment in good condition. Mrs. C. C. McCord, 11p

KNAPP SHOES
Mail card to Ray Hurd, Troy, Rt. 2, Saturdays only or after 4 P. M. daily appointments made 21p Dec. 17-24

FOR SALE
Boy's bicycle. Call 232 11p

FOR RENT
Rt. Hardy home on Troy highway. Five rooms and bath. Gas stove and heaters furnished. If interested contact Mrs. Joe P. Martin, 11p

BOSTON TERRIER PUPS
For Sale. Call Virginia Studios in Opp. Phone 362 (days and 184 nights) 11c

CANTATA
"The Music on Christmas" Cantata will be given by the Youth Choir under the direction of Mrs. George Collier at the First Baptist Church Sunday, Dec. 20 at 7 P. M. The public is invited to attend.

Stores Will Take
3-Day Holiday Xmas

Many Elba stores will take a long Christmas weekend, owners have decided. With Christmas falling on Friday, 10 stores in town have decided already to remain closed Saturday, Dec. 26. Those who will not open are: Farmers Hardware, Vaughan Furniture Co., Easy Pay Tire Store, Bonneau-Jeter Hardware, Hayes Hardware, Western Auto, Lindsey-Thomson Furniture Co., Murphree Co., City Electric & Plumbing, Wise Cleaners and Cleaners, and The Clipper.

BILLY CURTIS BROWN
Billy Curtis Brown, 19, son of Jack Brown, Caroline Street, in Elba, is completing his AP basic sirmon indoctrination course at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

DONALD OWENS
Donald A. Owens, seaman, USN, son of Mr. & Mrs. Percy W. Owens of Clark, Rt. 1, is on the heavy cruiser USS Winston with the U. S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

SOCIALS
Mr. & Mrs. C. Y. Martin spent Sunday in Dothan with Mr. & Mrs. Levi Throver and family.

Fraser Ringdorf of Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky., is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Dr. & Mrs. W. M. Ringdorf.

Mrs. Gid Park and daughter, Mrs. Columbia Gay, visited Mrs. Horace Brook last week.

THE ELBA CLIPPER

Thursday, December 17, 1953

Mrs. J. D. Whitman, W. O. Ows spent Thursday in Montgomery. Mrs. J. D. Whitman, W. O. Ows spent Thursday in Montgomery. Mrs. J. D. Whitman, W. O. Ows spent Thursday in Montgomery.

Mrs. Brack Ingram and Bob of Enterprise spent Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Joe Young.

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Sharpless of Troy spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Gethal Pinkard.

Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Taylor and bus, Ga. spent the weekend with Wanda Ann spent Thursday in her parents, Mr. & Mrs. T. T. Rhodes.

Miss Toisye Rhodes of Columbia, S. C. spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. T. T. Rhodes.

SHOP IN ELBA

It won't be long now!

STOCK UP and SAVE For the HOLIDAYS

PIGGLY WIGGLY

Prices Effective FRIDAY December 18th Through THURSDAY December 24th 6 BIG DAYS

Stokey Sliced No. 2 Can 25c

Durkee's Shredded 4 oz Pkg. 19c

COCONUT 19c

Wilson's Veg't. Shortening 3 lb Can 69c

BAKE-RITE 69c

Delicious - Large Size - 1b 19c

FRESH WHOLE 1b Package 29c

CRANBERRIES 29c

Eirna Crisp Iceburg Large Head 15c

LETTUCE 15c

CELERY 27c

CABBAGE 5c

WALNUTS 43c

White 15 oz Pkg. 21c

RAISINS 21c

CREME 25c

Holly Cluster 12 oz 29c

RAISINS 29c

MEADOR'S LEMON 25c

SASSAFRASS 25c

PEPPERMINT 25c

Stick 1/2 lb Box 19c

CANDY 19c

OPEN ALL DAY THURSDAY

PIGGLY WIGGLY

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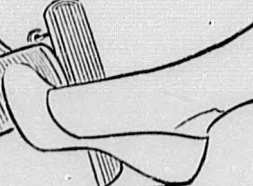
Sincerest wishes for a truly
Merry Christmas
filled with happiness and contentment

Cleaners **WISE** Clothiers

New 1954 Chevrolet

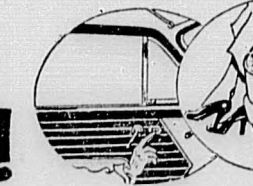
COME SEE IT!

First and only low-priced car to bring you
all these new features and advantages!

New! 

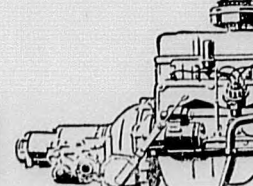
POWER BRAKES
First in the Low-Price Field!

Chevrolet Power Brakes make stopping wonderfully easy and convenient. Optional at extra cost on Powerglide models.

New! 

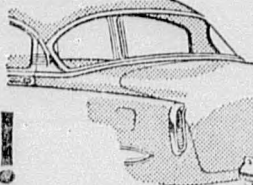
AUTOMATIC WINDOW AND SEAT CONTROLS
More Chevrolet "Firsts"!

Just touch a button to adjust front windows and seat to your liking. Optional on Bel Air and "Two-Ten" models at extra cost.

New! 

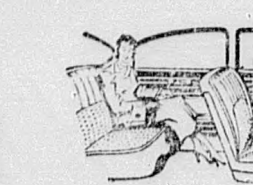
NEW POWER IN "BLUE-FLAME 125" ENGINE
Most Powerful in its Field!

The most powerful Chevrolet passenger car engine ever built! Amazingly economical, it's tuned with Powerglide, optional at extra cost.

New! 


NEW STYLING IN BODY BY FISHER
Another Chevrolet Exclusive!

New front- and rear-end styling. All around the car you see new beauty in the only Fisher Body in Chevrolet's field.

New! 

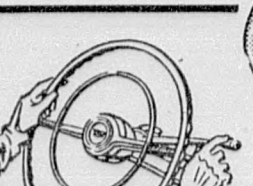
FINEST, MOST COLORFUL INTERIORS
In the Low-Price Field!

Here are the most luxurious interiors on any low-priced car! New interior color harmonies are keyed to brilliant new exterior colors.

New! 

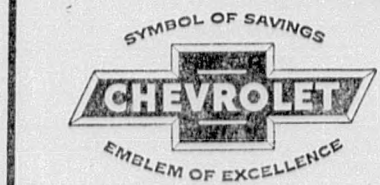
LOWER PRICED POWER STEERING
Another Chevrolet "First"!

First in its field with Power Steering. Chevrolet now reduces the price. Optional at extra cost on all models.

New! 

CHEVROLET'S EXCLUSIVE POWERGLIDE
Now for All Models!

Now you can have smooth, thrifty Powerglide on any model. Teamed with the "Blue-Flame 125" engine, it's optional at extra cost.



More things more people want, that's why
MORE PEOPLE BUY CHEVROLETS
than any other car!

Dorsey Bros. Chevrolet Inc.

Social Activities

Mrs. J. D. Whitman, Society Editor
Phone 330 or 493

GUSSIE HUTCHISON CIRCLE

The Gussie Hutchison Circle was hostess on Monday evening at 7 o'clock in the social hall of the Baptist church when they entertained the B. W. C. at the annual Christmas party.

Each circle held a short business session on arrival and presented their chairman, Mrs. P. G. Mathis, and Mrs. Pauline Allen with a Christmas gift. They also took their Lottie Moon offering.

The social hall was decorated with Christmas flowers and foliage. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Jim Boswell and she gave the devotional and told the life of Lottie Moon.

The group sang Christmas carols and afterwards Mrs. Boswell gave a talk on "We Have Seen His Star and How the Star Overcometh Godless Communism."

Mrs. J. W. Kendrick gave the closing prayer. A delicious turkey dinner with hot coffee was served to 27 members and their advisors, Mrs. J. M. Kimney and Mrs. Murray Say.

Mrs. Billy Oggs and children, Butch and Candice, and Buddy Whitman, spent Wednesday and Thursday in Birmingham.

GOLDEN CIRCLE SS CLASS

The Golden Circle SS Class of the Elba Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Arthur Boutwell Dec. 18 at 7 P. M. The Boutwell home held an array of seasonal flowers and Christmas decorations.

The hostesses, Mrs. Harry Bulard, Mrs. James Clark, Mrs. J. Doug Kendrick and Mrs. Arthur Boutwell served a delicious evening meal on arrival. The class president, Mrs. Pearline Gaitner, read for the devotional. An informal discussion, followed by an exchange of Christmas gifts closed the meeting.

Mr. & Mrs. Billy Parris of Dothan visited in the home of Rev. & Mrs. M. L. Seay.

Miss Martha Ham of Columbus, Ga. in spending some time with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Ham.

Rev. & Mrs. M. L. Seay were visiting in Montgomery Wednesday.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Young and

EUZELIAN SS CLASS

The Euzelean SS Class met on Thursday night in the social hall of the Baptist church for their Christmas party. Each member brought a covered dish and a delightful meal with hot coffee was served on arrival. Invocation was given by the class teacher, Mrs. Wesley Ham.

An offering was brought for a needy family for Christmas and plans made for next year.

Little son Mike of Falls Church, Va. and Air Cadet Sam Young of San Antonio, Texas are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Wayland Young.

Mr. & Mrs. Olin Johnson of Geneva visited Mr. & Mrs. Fred Johnson Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Reed (nee Emma Crook) of Memphis, Tenn. spent last week with Mrs. W. R. Crook.

Mrs. Terry Kendrick and Mrs. Willard Martin visited Montgomery Saturday.

Mr. & Mrs. Luke English announced the birth of a son at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp Dec. 15 whom they have named Hugh Brandon.

Mrs. Julia McNew of Montgomery and Mr. & Mrs. Henry Clark and family of Birmingham spent Sunday with Mrs. H. J. Clark and family.

Mr. & Mrs. Dan Fred Prescott and little daughter of

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Hospital tests prove Musterole gives relief almost beyond belief. Also greater ease in moving. Highly medicated. Concentrated. You can't wash it off!

MUSTEROLE
Montgomery spent last weekend with his mother, Mrs. Dan Prescott.

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Mathis and daughters of Chicopee, Mass. are spending some time with his father, P. G. Mathis and Mrs. Mathis.

Greeting Cards at The Clipper

GAS is Modern

PROPANE GAS SYSTEM
• Refrigeration
• Plumbing
• Heating
• Cooking

We are now in a position to furnish bottles, with deposit, for cooking and water heating.

New Brockton Phone 82
PROPANE GAS & APPLIANCE CO.
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IT'S A SNAP TO FIND THE Right Gift FOR A CAMERA FAN

FLASH CAMERAS \$4.95
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OIL COLOR OUTFIT \$4.75
MOVIE TITLER \$18.75
MOVIE SPICER \$10.95

8MM MOVIE CARTOONS \$2.25
SPECIAL!!
16 MM MOVIE PROJECTOR \$19.95

Virginia's Studios
OPP, ALABAMA



I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth good-will to men!

Best Wishes for a Joyous Christmas

City Electric & Plumbing
Elba, Ala. Phone 443



Heap on more wood!... the wind is chill;
But let it whistle as it will,
We'll keep our Christmas merry still."

.. Scott

Smith Brothers
1910 43 Years 1953



"... A thousand years from now... nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

from There A Santa Claus? F. P. Church
A dream of youth that comes true
only in America!

Dorsey Bros. Chev. Inc



May the blessings of Christmas
Bring you great cheer,
And remain with you
Throughout the new year.

Martin Mercantile

37 YEARS AGO—
Mule Wilson of New Hope community came to his death Wednesday in a tragic manner, being killed by a shot from his own gun. His wife found him several hours after he had left the house, his gun lying on one side of a fence, while his body lay on the other side. An inquest pronounced his death accidental. It is said Wilson started to a neighbor's home about 10 a. m. and was found early in the afternoon. Several years ago it was thought Wilson had drowned in a river near his home and the stream was dragged, but afterward Wilson returned home.

37 Years Ago—
One of the most elaborate and largely attended affairs in Elba's social season was the Leaf Party given by the Mother's Self Culture Club Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sam Rubenstein. Guests were greeted by the reception committee composed of Mesdames Rubenstein, J. A. Carley, club president, and Mrs. J. B. Amos. A unique feature of the program was the throw made by each lady at an 18-inch stake placed in the center of the reception hall. The first throw was for health, second for wealth and third for happiness. A delightful program of vocal and instrumental music, with a dramatic recitation by Miss Gladys Rubenstein and an exceptionally fine recitation by Miss Jones were greatly enjoyed. A

lovely salad course was served. Guests included: Mesdames J. A. Carley, F. P. Y. W. and W. B. Carley, J. B. Amos, Julia Sanders, J. T. Pearson, F. A. Symonds, M. J. and J. D. Lee, Annie King, J. T. Cameron, Claude Riley, Elbow Wright, H. A. Waters, Gordon Prescott, Ed Nichols, J. M. Folsom, George Collier, J. M. Folsom, George Collier, M. Garrett, A. V. and Arthur Buck, H. Tatum, L. C. Powell, N. L. Ham, Rufus Brevlin, D. H. James, W. D. Patrick, R. J. Mills, Sam Rubenstein, Misses Lella Jones, Margaret Campbell and Fannie Harper.

37 Years Ago—
Tavern Marsh died Monday at his home near New Brockton. He had been in an infirmary in Montgomery for some time, but was brought home Saturday on the night train, close to death's door. He was one of Coffee County's most progressive young farmers and was in a most prosperous condition at the time of his death. He was 28-years-old and is survived by his wife and several children; also his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Judge Marsh of New Brockton and several brothers and sisters.

37 Years Ago—
That Coffee County residents are deeply interested in the matter of poll tax records is evidenced by the number of people who visit the Elba probate office every day. In every boat in the county discrepancies have

occurred, many of them due to the fact that men are registered under two names, in one place the initials are given and in another place his given name is registered. In a number of cases where poll tax payments are short for one, two or more years, receipts are shown and the records are cleared.

37 Years Ago—
Miss Zadie Rowe of Elba is the guest of Miss Maggie Mae Robinson. Miss Rowe is one of the most popular girls who visit in Andalusia—Andalusia Star.

Our most sincere wishes
that you may enjoy a truly
Merry Christmas.

Jewel Box

SEASONS GREETINGS

In sincere appreciation of your patronage and friendship we extend to you and yours our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Southern Benefit Insurance Co.

MERRY Christmas

A Christmas wish that's tried and true,
A very Merry Christmas from us to you.

Whitman Drug
Your Walgreen Agency

C.O. MILLER & SONS

The idea is old... the wish the same
But still as bright as a candle's flame,
A Merry Christmas for all of you,
And a bright and happy New Year too.

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Not believe in Santa Claus. You might as well not believe in fairies. Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those which neither children nor men can see. No Santa Claus. Thank God, he lives and he lives forever. ... Frank Church



Holy night, peaceful night,
Wondrous Star, And thy light!
With the angels to us sing
Alleluia to our King,
Jesus the Saviour is here.
Translated from Joseph Mohr, 1813
Sincere wishes for a joyous Holiday.

L & L Shoppe

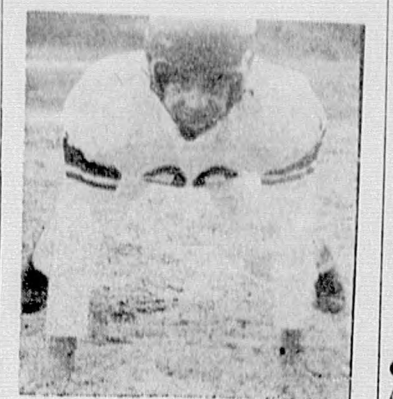


My Neighbors
By Bill Fainston

Let us celebrate the birthday of the Christ child. May the blessings of love and kindness be brought to the world by you and your family this happy CHRISTMAS SEASON.

City of Elba

REBECCA BRUNSON
Rebecca Brunson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Guy Brunson, has been elected Good Citizenship Girl in New Brockton High school. An honor student and senior, she has been active in the Beta Club, vice president of the senior class, society editor of the school paper, member of the Girls' Chorus, Ensemble and F. H. A.
Rebecca's main interest lies in the religious life of her community, so she plans to enter Bible School in the fall.



TRAVIS BOWERS
Best Tackler

BWC

The Business Women's Circle of the First Baptist Church met Monday night at the home of Mrs. Oswell Dowling for their Christmas party.
The living room and dining room were decked in Christmas decorations and a large lighted tree with gifts underneath it for the guests. A delicious chicken dinner with hot coffee was served by the hostess after they assembled.



BILLY C. BROWN
His air corps basic training period is coming to an end.

The devotional was given by Mrs. Cecil Prescott followed by all reading in unison the second chapter of Luke telling of the birth of Christ. Mrs. J. W. Kendrick taught the lesson.

Afterwards games were directed by Mrs. Dowling. The distributing of gifts was by Mrs. Cecil Prescott. The meeting was dismissed by a prayer.
Present were Mesdames G. P. Miles, William Bullard, J. W. Kendrick, Cecil Prescott, Pauline Allen, Gussie Hutchinson, Elmer Taylor, Fulton Spaulin, Corine English, Robbie Hunter, Clinton Whitman and one visitor, Mrs. John Kendrick of Montgomery.

Smokey Says:



Some land is too poor for farming. It will grow trees—but not if fires kill off the young trees every year!



Communion can't be much of a religion when a few baskets of food will stymie it.



Victorian 4-H Boys and Girls Club officers, first row (seated) Alvencia Crawley, president; Franklin Nolin, president; secretary; Betty Goodson, vice president; James Brooks, song leader; Junior Drinkard, secretary; third row, Doc Littleton, principal and local leader; Linda Davis, reporter; Shirley Ann Littleton, song leader; Back, Mrs. M. C. Boutwell, local leader.

Mrs. Willie Marley of Hartford and Mrs. Edd Clark and two sons Bobby and Edd Jr. of Marshall, Texas, were visitors in the home of Mrs. H. J. Clark Sunday.

Rev. & Mrs. Fred Davis and Cathie of Port St. Joe, Fla. visited friends here Monday.

Coch and Mrs. Gerry House and son Gerry of Bickley, Ga. are spending several days with her parents.

Mrs. Eva Easters left Dothan by plane Monday for Tampa, Fla. where she will spend the holidays with her son Lt. Col. Douglas Easters and family.

Greeting Cards at The Clipper



"At Christmas, play and make good cheer. For Christmas comes but once a year."

May your Christmas be a joyous one!

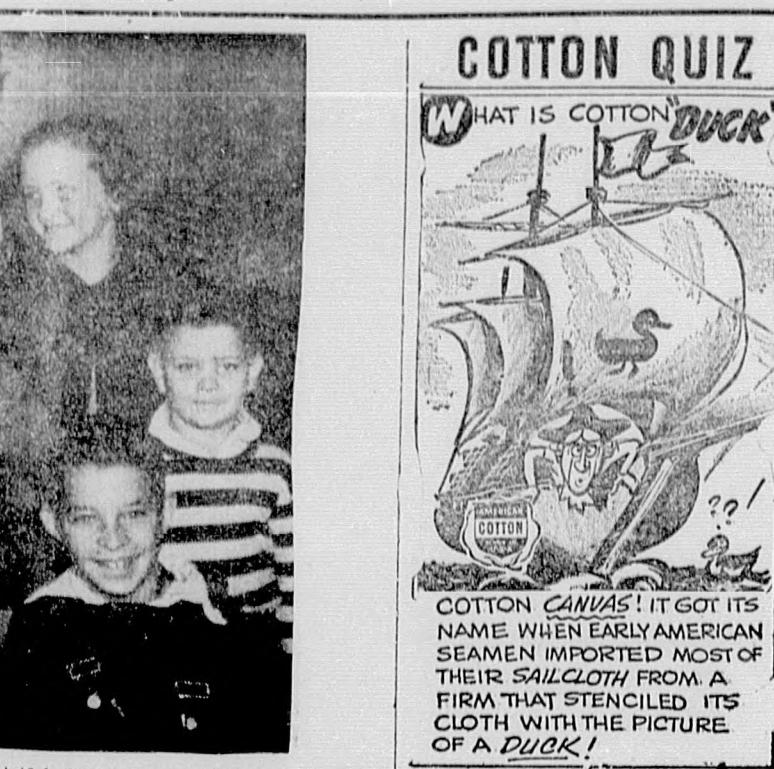
Pauls Cafe



For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:11
May the blessings of Christmas be yours.

Cannon Motor Co.

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COTTON QUIZ
WHAT IS COTTON? A DUCK!
COTTON CANVAS: IT GOT ITS NAME WHEN EARLY AMERICAN SEAMEN IMPORTED MOST OF THEIR SAILCLOTH FROM A FIRM THAT STENCILED ITS CLOTH WITH THE PICTURE OF A DUCK!

Any family can keep an expense account nowadays, but only one in a hundred can make it tally with the cash.



"Day of Joy and Gladness!" May all the joys of the Christmas Season be yours in our sincere wish to our friends.

Stephenson's Cafe

Steaks Our Sepcialty



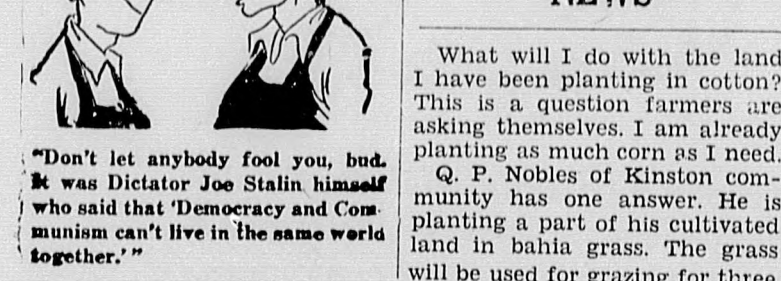
This changing world has brought much that is new and good, but nothing finer than the spirit of Christmas. It is in this spirit we express our appreciation for your friendship and wish you a Merry Christmas.

Save Ways

Mr. & Mrs. G. P. Miles



SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS
What will I do with the land I have been planting in cotton? This is a question farmers are asking themselves. I am already planting as much corn as I need. Q. P. Nobles of Kinston community has one answer. He is planting a part of his cultivated land in bahia grass. The grass will be used for grazing for three



years. Then the grass will be plowed and followed by peanuts. Another part of his cultivated land will then be planted to bahia grass. This system of farming will greatly increase the yield of peanuts and corn.

Grass base rotation is the name for this kind of farming. After bahia grass has been on the land, the soil is easier to cultivate. The soil will absorb more of the rainfall therefor providing more water for the crop that follows. The grass holds the soil together and decreases soil erosion. It eliminates many peanut diseases.

Mr. Nobles is cooperating with the Wiregrass Soil Conservation District in putting each acre of land to its best use.

Other farmers interested in more information on grass-base rotation, contact your local soil conservation office.

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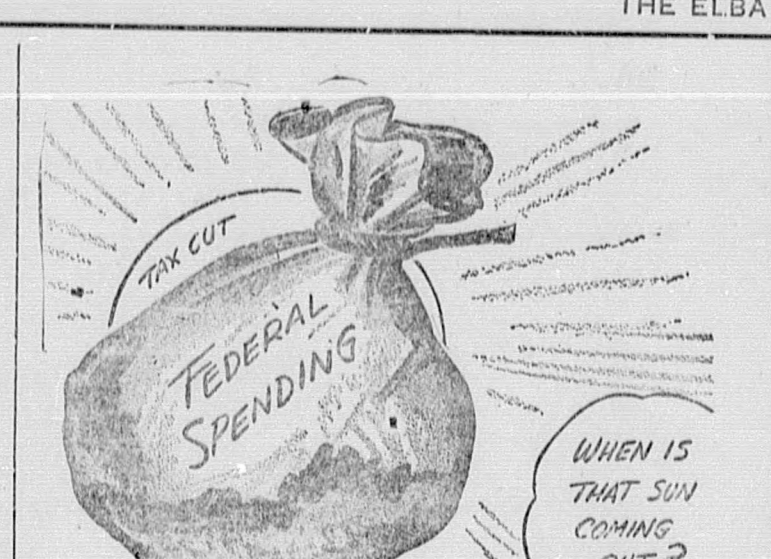
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STRENGTH FOR THESE DAYS
So David waxed greater and greater, for the Lord of hosts was with him.—(1 Chronicles 11, 9.)
We select and elect certain of our countrymen to govern us principally because of what they promise. But all too often they betray our trust by becoming arrogant in high places, forgetting that there is no true greatness except the Lord be with them.



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DOUGLAS MADDOX

Douglas Maddox, son of Mr. & Mrs. Florence G. Maddox of New Rochelle, is serving with Navy Task Force 77 off the Korean Coast. He is a gunner mate on the destroyer and is serving his second tour of duty in Korean waters.

Stops the ship has made include Okinawa, Formosa, Hong Kong and Sasebo and Kagoshima, Japan.

Douglas is married to the former Fairy Loren Willis, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lester Willis of Elba.

Willie D. Leibert of Miami, Fla. is spending some time with his mother, Mrs. Minola Leibert and his sister, Miss Louise Leibert.

Mrs. W. R. Crook, Mrs. Joe L. Young and Mr. & Mrs. Jim Reed spent last Friday with Dr. & Mrs. John R. Crook in Evergreen.

Mr. & Mrs. Barney Cole of Atlanta, Ga. spent last Thursday with her brother, Lotue Ham and Mrs. Ham.



A bundle of glad tidings and good cheer to all our customers and friends.

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May all the happiness and cheer of the holiday season be yours -- and more -- this Christmas.

ELBA DRUG Your Retail Dealer



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A hearty wish for Christmas cheer and happiness through the year.

F. H. Murphree Insurance Agency
Elba Motor Court
Murphree Furniture Company



A wreath in the window acts just like cupid's dart in bringing out a feeling that comes from the heart.

A heartfelt Merry Christmas to all our friends

LINDSEY-THOMASON FURNITURE CO.



This greeting is from our folks to your folks. May your Christmas Season be bright!

Bonneau-Jeter Hdw. Co.



May the Christmas bells ring gladness and peace into the hearts of our many friends and customers.

English Sundry Center

Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Bullard spent last Sunday with Mr. & Mrs. P. H. Crigler in Panama City.

Mr. & Mrs. Edd Gings spent last Friday in Montgomery.

37 Years Ago in Elba

By C. B. McDowell

Hugh Brooks of Opp was fined \$100 and sentenced to 30 days at hard labor in Coffee County Circuit Court this week for transporting liquor from Troy. Eleven cases of whiskey were seized. The case has been appealed.

The members of the Elba Baptist Church are urgently requested to be present at a meeting to be held at the church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock for the purpose of calling a pastor. Song services will be held during the hour.

On account of the age of the boys, Aptham Adams, Curley Foley and Burlie Warrick, who were tried and sentenced to this reform school in Circuit Court this week, the sentences were changed by the court and they will be sent to the penitentiary. Adams and Foley will serve 13 months and Warrick will serve 12 months and one day.

Wash Medley, colored, was found guilty of assault and battery in circuit court last week and was fined \$100 and thirty days at hard labor. Medley was charged with entering the home of Tom Chapman, another Negro, and attacking him with a knife and stick of wood. The difficulty occurred in West Elba.

The proposed issuance of \$1,500,000 state bonds went down to defeat by an overwhelming vote at the polls on Tuesday. In the cities, towns and rural beats, the results were the same. Coffee County voted 429 for the bond issue and 1,649 against.

Autumn always brings a complete shift of emphasis from sunbaths to halibaths.



For Christmas our wish 'tho far from new Is still the world's greatest Because it's directed to you

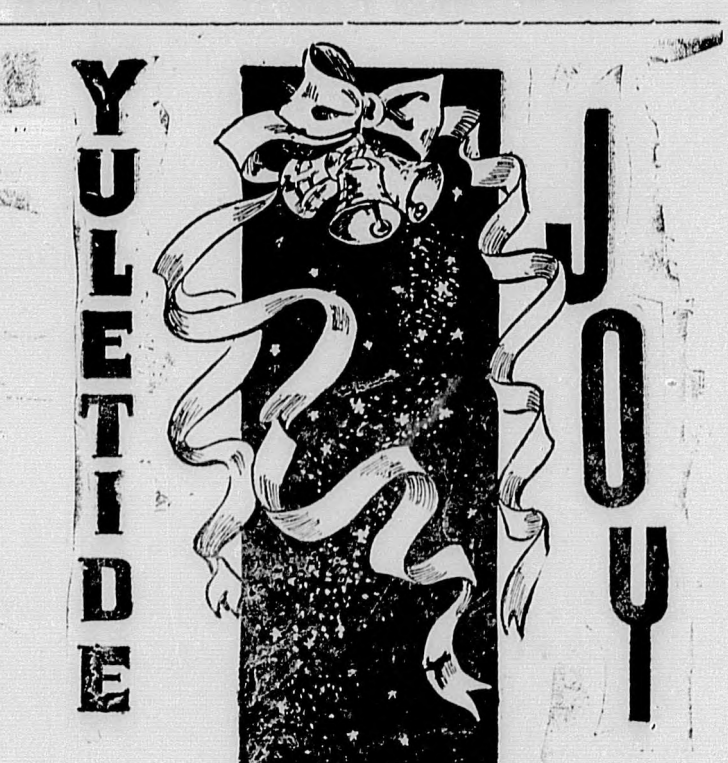
Merry Christmas to our many friends

Western Auto Assoc. Store
FOY W. ENGLISH, Owner



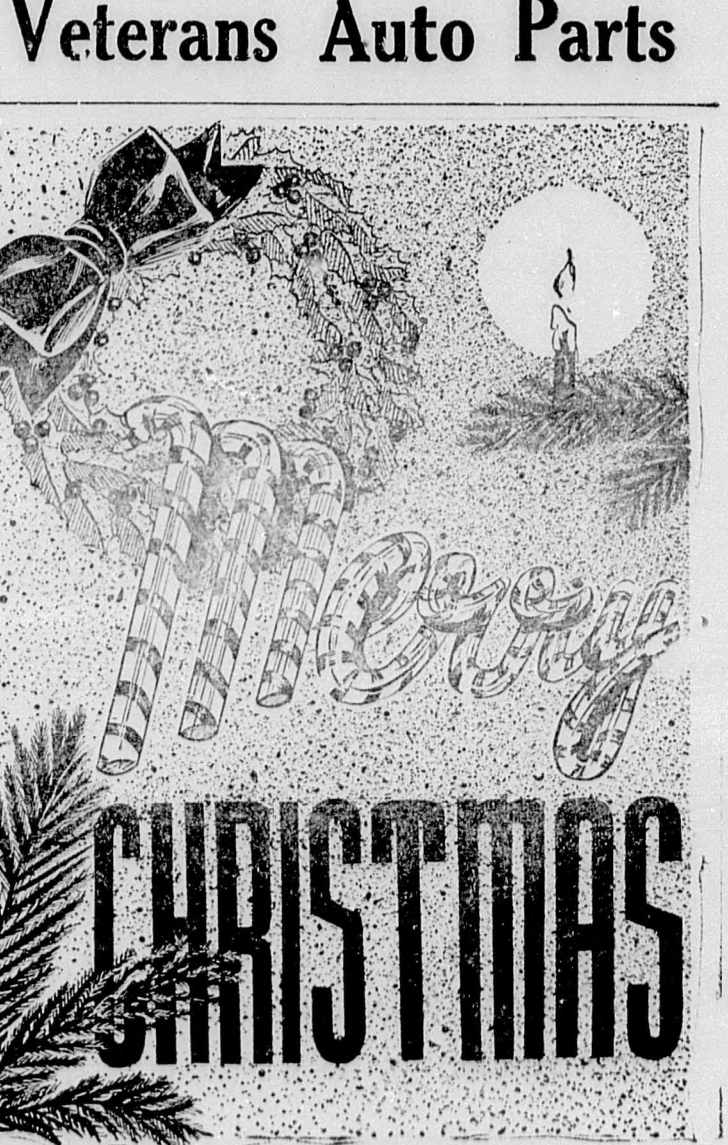
Here's a friendly wish that's old but Sincere. A Merry Christmas to our many friends and customers.

Elba Mercantile



To some mighty wonderful patrons and friends-- Our best wishes for a very joyous season.

Veterans Auto Parts



For all of its repetition it's still beyond beating. That favorite "Merry Christmas" Is the world's greatest greeting.

Emergency Aid Insurance Co.
Home Finance Company
Emergency Aid Fire Insurance Co.
Emergency Aid Funeral Homes

KINSTON NEWS

Mrs. Rayford Stephens
Telephone 744

PHILLIPS--SMITH

Miss Annette Phillips and Mr. Jack Smith were married at a simple ceremony Saturday afternoon at the home of Rev. & Mrs. Robert Mallory.

The bride was lovely in a light blue suit with navy accessories. Mrs. Smith is the daughter of

Mr. & Mrs. Ocie W. Phillips and Mr. Smith is the son of Mr. & Mrs. James Z. Smith.

Following a short wedding trip to the Florida Coast they are at home with their parents, at present.

—Kinston News—
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Bethea and family of Fairhope are spending this week with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. W. Y. Nobles.

The bride was lovely in a light blue suit with navy accessories. Mrs. Smith is the daughter of

Mr. & Mrs. F. W. Wood left Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends in Phil Campbell and Russellville.

Miss Peggy Thorn accompanied her sister, Mrs. R. B. Harrison of Sanson, to Seville, Fla. last Friday to spend the holidays with their brother, Edgar, and Mrs. Thorn and family. Enroute they were to visit Mr. & Mrs. Edward Thorn in Jacksonville.

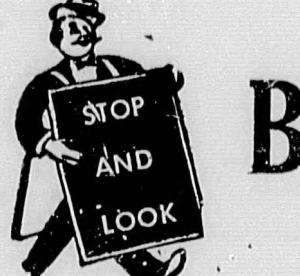
Harlan Adams of Whigham, Ga. returned home Tuesday after spending several days here with his sister, Miss Ella Adams.

They spent the weekend in Crestview with Mr. & Mrs. Gene Adams and Mr. & Mrs. Hilton Adams.

Miss Janice Richardson of Abbeville and Charles Richardson of Seville are here for the holidays with their parents, Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Richardson.

Miss George D. Hataway Jr. of Hattiesburg, Miss. arrived home Sunday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Hataway.

Sgt. & Mrs. Lester Granger



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RUSHING SHOE STORE Across from Bus Depot

It's in the Bag!!

What's in the Bag!!

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When You Get Them at JACK'S PLACE

Opp-Elba Highway "Your Refreshment Center"

Schedule of Coming Events

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WHY DOES THE ARMY CLASSIFY COTTON AS A STRATEGIC COMMODITY? BECAUSE IT IS THE SHORT FIBERS WHICH CLING TO COTTONSEEDS AS STRATEGIC MATERIALS OF WAR.

—Kinston News—
Mr. & Mrs. F. M. Childress of Wauchula, Fla. are here during the holidays with their mother, Mrs. A. Ward.

Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Ward of Jasper and Lt. & Mrs. Jimmy Ball of Kinston, N. C. are here this week with their mother, Mrs. A. Ward.

Miss Jean Goodin of Freeport, Fla. and Glenn Goodin of Seville, Fla. are at home with their parents, Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Goodin during the holidays.

Mrs. Janie Answorth and Mrs. Jessie Mathews have as their holiday guest Miss Bertie Rouse of Peayune, Miss.

Mrs. L. M. Goodson accompanied Mr. & Mrs. James Jernigan and family of Opp to Hartford Sunday to visit Mr. & Mrs. W. F. Helms and Mrs. Emma Courson. Mrs. Courson is improved from a heart ailment.

Mrs. T. M. Holley and Mrs. M. D. Rigby went to Brewton on Tuesday where Mrs. Rigby will spend the holidays with Dr. & Mrs. George T. Perry and family.

Mrs. Bob Holley in Lakely and Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Sutherland in Mobile.

Mr. & Mrs. T. B. Steele and family of Hattiesburg, Fla., who are spending the holidays with her mother in Sanson (Mrs. T. H. Franklin), visited friends in Kinston Tuesday.

Mr. & Mrs. C. M. Hataway of Ponce de Leon, Fla. Mr. & Mrs. Howard Hataway and children of Crestview, Mr. & Mrs. John West of Opp and Mr. & Mrs. Jim Coan had dinner with the Dewey Hataways Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Thomason of Auburn are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Thomason.

P. T. A. MEETING

The regular meeting of the Kinston P. T. A. was held in the High School auditorium Thursday evening, Dec. 10 with Mrs. Robert Was presiding. Mrs. Lawrence Blacklock led the devotional.

Continuation of the lunch room was discussed. Project for the group was decided on as to paint the walls of the auditorium of the elementary building. One hundred dollars was set as the goal. E. C. Nevin talked for a short time on "This Administration and the Segregation Law."

The dramatics club, directed by Jack Solomon, presented a one act play, "The Damned Know the Price." Mrs. Jessie Mathews and the Home Economics girls served refreshments.

Kinston News—

MOTHERS CLUB

Mrs. Lonnie Hataway and Mrs. Dewey Hataway were hostesses to members of the Mothers Club at the home of Mrs. Lonnie Hataway Monday night, Dec. 7.

Rose buds and pot plants were used in the living and dining room. Mrs. Joseph Saunders told a Christmas story from Home Life magazine.

Each lady carried a gift and while Mrs. E. C. Nevin read the poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," they passed the gifts to the next lady. Each time Mrs. Nevin read the word "and" they passed the gifts. When she finished reading, each lady kept the gift she was holding.

The business served sandwiches, salted nuts, cookies and fruit punch.

—Kinston News—
Mr. & Mrs. John Tencir of Pensacola spent Sunday with Miss Mamie Lenoir and Mrs. Mary Lenoir.

E. A. Boland, G. W. Boland and Mr. & Mrs. Glen Boland of Alexander City spent last week end with Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Adams.

Buy and Sell Through Clipper Want Ads

Located on the Opp-Elba Highway

Admission: 40c

NOTICE—SANTA CLAUS in person at this theater December 24 with FREE GIFTS for each child.

Weds.-Thurs., Dec. 23-24

DESSERT RATS

James Mason
Robert Newton
Richard Burton

Fri.-Sat., Dec. 25-26

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WAYNE MARLER
Most Valuable Player



Entertainment at the Coffee County Chain store banquet for FFA-FHA students in the county held in Enterprise December 3 was provided by the FFA quartet from Enterprise. They are shown here in the middle of one of their songs. (Clippie Photo)



Kinston Roster Released

Nineteen games remain on the Kinston basketball schedule recently released by the school. Starting on Nov. 20, the schedule carries games through Mar. 1.

1. Jan. 1—Troy Here
2. Jan. 4—Elba Here
3. Jan. 6—Eufaula Here
4. Jan. 12—Slocomb Here
5. Jan. 14—Enterprise Here
6. Jan. 19—Hartford Here
7. Jan. 22—Eufaula Here
8. Jan. 28—Andalusia Here
9. Jan. 29—Dothan Here
10. Feb. 2—Gordonsville Here
11. Feb. 6—Selma Here
12. Feb. 9—Opp Here
13. Feb. 11—Andalusia Here
14. Feb. 12—Eufaula Here
15. Feb. 13—Slocomb Here
16. Feb. 16—Opp Here
17. Feb. 23—Dothan Here
18. Feb. 24—Troy Here
19. Mar. 1—Enterprise Here

PLAYERS

Players on this year's squad are named below with their grade and height.

John Will Smith, junior, 6' 2"; Ralph Moody, alternate captain, senior, 5' 10"; Douglas Hataway, senior, letterman, 6' 2"; Frank Canley, junior, letterman, 5' 10"; Gene Wallace, sophomore, 5' 5"; Charles Baker, sophomore, 5' 10"; Jack Perry, senior, 5' 9"; Charles Yancey, senior, 6' 3"; John Parker, junior, 5' 10"; Robert Dean, senior, 5' 10"; Jerry Bowdoin, sophomore, 5' 11"; Rex Han, sophomore, 5' 7"; Jack Bryan, sophomore, 5' 10"; Gerald Courson, sophomore, 5' 10"; Ellis Wise, junior, 5' 8"; Pomroy Howell, sophomore, 5' 6"; Donald Pierce, sophomore, 5' 8"; Vernon Ray Davis, junior, 5' 7"; and Hayes Cain, senior, 6' 3".

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Elba—Phone 444 Brantley—Phone 82

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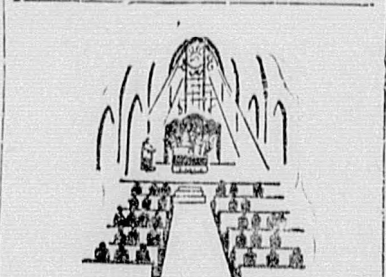
RIDE
Anyone desiring ride to California, share expenses, about January 4, see Ralph Johnson, 117.

LOST
Men's wrist watch, Saturday, Dec. 19, in the morning in town. Contact Eril Paul, 11p.

WOOD FOR SALE
Any length wood needed. See or call Jack Veal, Phone 462, 46p. Dec. 24-31-Jan. 7-14.

FOR RENT
Three-room furnished apartment. Private bath. Eufaula Park. Phone 472. Dec. 24-31.

HOUSE FOR RENT
On Smith Avenue. See C. B. Cox Grocery and Market, Troy Highway. Dec. 24.



COMFORT

There is comfort for you in the knowledge that the most considerate and careful service is available to you whenever you need it. Our years of experience enable us to offer the best service regardless of price. All our facilities including our chapel are at your command.

Hayes Funeral Homes

Authorized funeral directors for Liberty National, Family Reserve, Brown Service, Lufkin and all cash policies.

CLIPPERS ON SALE

Extra copies of The Clipper may be purchased at English Sundry Center, 11p.

My Neighbors

By Bill Patterson



"The government should take a lesson from us in indirect taxation... Feel their Waldorf appetite in a lunch wagon."

Free not itself because of evil most notior le than evils at the wicked.—(Proverbs 24, 19)

It is not always easy to be honest and good when around us we see those who appear to be enjoying rich returns from dishonest and unrighteousness. But every man has to live with himself through the long night of the long years—and there is no reward on earth equal to that of the clear conscience.

"Cheer up, Duke. Just suppose you were like with a 20-year mess as clean up."

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CECIL Drive-In

Highway 84—Midway—Enterprise and New Brookton

PROGRAM FOR THE WEEK

Thurs.-Fri., Dec. 24-25
Sally & Saint Anne
Anne Blyth
Edmund Gween

Sun.-Mon., Dec. 27-28
By the Light of the Silvery Moon
Dorin Day
Gordon MacRae

Tues.-Wed., Dec. 29-30
Perilous Journey
Vera Ralston
Scott Brady

Thurs.-Fri., Dec. 31, Jan 1
FEUDIN' FOOLS
BOWERY BOYS
WACO
Wild Bill Elliott



MERRY CHRISTMAS

From all of us to all of you we extend this greeting. We thank you for your past cooperation and hope that you will let us serve you during the coming New Year.

Easy Pay Tire Store

A very, very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year to all our friends.

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About People and Things

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"COMPLETE NEWS COVERAGE OF COFFEE COUNTY"

Oil Boom, Centennial, Make Headlines

Missing tractors, an oil boom, spotlighted more than at any time since the 1929 flood. Six thousand people crowded into Elba Nov. 19 to help the town observe its 100th birthday. A successful Elba High football team took the limelight during the fall as it fought its way to an 8 won, 2 lost record. The team was best in Coffee County and fifth in All-Weirgrass standings.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Names in the news included Miss Henri Ann Taylor who was crowned Miss Howard College of Elba in August. Clifford Cook badly burned July 1; Dr. E. M. Warr chosen president of Lions Club.

William J. Bullard died May 23 and William Drinkard and his son were drowned June 4.

City Expands Activities During Year

Municipal government, widely expanded its field of operations during the past 12 months, a survey of activities of the governing body at the end of 1953.

After months of dictating with the County Board of Education, the City of Elba took over operation of its schools on August 1. One of the first actions taken by the council was to vote \$8,000 and then an additional \$1800 to the new City Board of Education to complete work on three classrooms at the colored school and five at the white school. J. C. Casey was appointed city superintendent of schools. James W. Wise chairman of the city board and members appointed were Ed Kendrick, Soile Brunson, Max Reeves and Charles Hayes.

MOVE INTO OTHER FIELDS

Commerce, the Junior Chamber of Commerce ran a survey to determine the number of persons in Elba who would be interested in taking natural gas if a proposed line comes through Elba in the fall of 1954. Around 700 businesses and residences signed up. Part of the contract calls for the city to take over

operation of the gas lines at the end of five years. If the city wants it.

During the summer, the Brantley swimming pool near the Pea River Bridge was purchased by the city. Immediately, the state moved in and made a picnic area with five benches and tables. They also cleaned up the area and built an approach to the river so that boating enthusiasts would have no trouble getting their boats in and out of the water. In this way, the council hoped to provide better recreational facilities during the summer.

Not a municipal project but coming in the sphere of city activities, was the starting of a 25 unit low income housing project. Now virtually completed, the 20 units for whites and six

for colored, will provide facilities for a few of the town's low income families.

After a full year of operation under a new licensing law, the city clerk announced an increase of around \$1,000 in privilege license fees over the preceding year. Satisfied with this arrangement, the council did not alter it for 1954.

Citizens voiced no open opposition to their city moving into the field of public utilities and operating its schools. There were some who looked with foreboding at the enlarging sphere of activities of their city government but they offered no counter plan so as 1954 rolls in, the municipal governing body of Elba controls many more activities than it did at the start of 1953.

Circuit Court Calendar Set

Call of a grand jury, which might be instructed to look into the unauthorized sale of a county tractor, has been set for Monday, Jan. 26. Circuit Judge Esch will preside.

Regular call of the jury circuit court is set for the week of March 1 in Elba, March 15 in Troy and March 22 in Enterprise.

Jury-Criminal cases will come up the week of April 5 in Elba; April 12 in Troy and April 26 in Enterprise.

KINSTON HERE JAN. 4

Tuesday night the Tiger game team will be host to a strong Kinston quintet. The B game starts at 7 o'clock and the A at 8.

The Tigers will play three games here before going to Dothan for a return contest Jan. 15. The schedule calls for Kinston, Andalusia and Dothan on Jan. 4-6-12.

JOSEPH J. DEAL

Joseph J. Deal, 71, pioneer resident of Coffee County, died Dec. 28 in a Troy hospital following a long illness. He had been a prominent farmer for many years and had taken a leading part in the activities of his community.

Survivors are the widow, two daughters, Mrs. Foye Marie Spurlin and Miss May Deal; three sisters, Miss Bobbie Lee Deal, Mrs. Annie Martin and Mrs. Effie Hileman.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 24 at Zion Chapel church, Rees, Troy and William Plot officiating. Interment in Zion Chapel cemetery, Hayes Funeral Home directing.

SEE BLUE-GRAY GAME

As guests of the City of Elba, the members of the Tiger football squad attended the Blue-Gray grid game in Montgomery Saturday, Dec. 26. The South won, 40-26.

Coach Frank Buckner said the game was interesting and the Blue-Grays were the better team.

All members of the Elba squad except Jack Parker, Rex Boutwell and Paul Miles made the trip. Their tickets were given to Carroll Flander, Ronnie Smith and Wayne McDaniel who will play next year.

STUDENT NIGHT

College students and members of the Elba High School senior class conducted the evening services at the Methodist Church Sunday night, Johnny Farris, student at A. P. I., presided.

Frazier Ringsdorf told about religious activities at Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky. Glenn Vaughan described them at Auburn and John Milton Wise gave a description of them at Emory during 1953. Looking back over the past 12 months, the progress record of achievement was noted for Elba. It will probably go down in the book as one of the best years of business progress in the town's history.

To start the year off in 1953, the post office announced a record \$29,844 receipts for 1952.

Later in the year Piggly Wiggly created a sensation by bringing in a New Zealand beef for 29¢.

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